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Dear Members

Are you looking forward to Christmas yet? I am — I love Christmas time. But in the toy business we have to plan a long way ahead and we are already working on Christmas 1999!

In this issue, you too can get a glimpse into at least the beginning of next year because we show on page 10 some of the new sets which will be going into the shops in January.

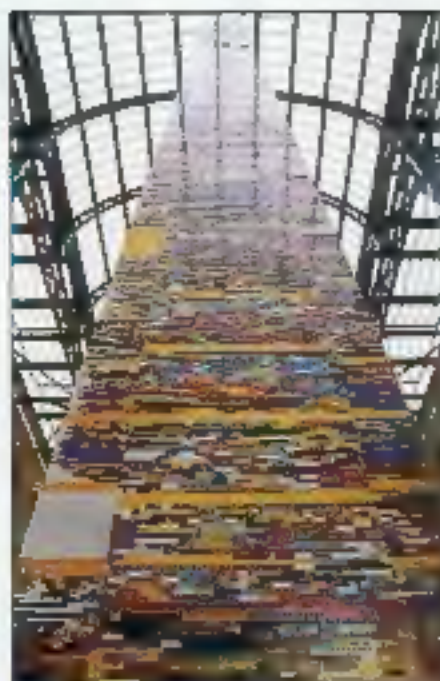
But here's the really exciting bit — we have made special arrangements to get a supply of one of these January sets in early for Club members only, so that you could have it from December 1st, one month before anyone else. See the details on page 11, though we can only get a limited number so it will be first come, first served.

Just imagine the look on your friends' faces when they see that you have a new model at least a month before it is released to the general public!

Well, that is just one of the privileges of being a member of the LEGO Club! Happy building.

Clive Nicholls

CLIVE NICHOLLS
Club President



Earlier this year ten LEGO employees with lots and lots of help from the public built a LEGO Tower 15.53m tall to set a new World Record and beat our own record of 15.01m set in 1995.

We decided to have a go at the world record as our part of fund-raising efforts in aid of Telethon 99. Six of our customers agreed to help sponsor the tower and they all sent along teams to build their names into the tower at Hays Wharf in London over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend.

Everyone who helped us build made a donation to the Telethon and when we had finished the tower we

NEW WORLD RECORD LEGO® TOWER

were pleased to discover we had raised almost £10,000 for the Telethon charities.

Lots of celebrities from sport and TV came along to Hays Wharf to help raise money including Linda Lusardi seen here putting some bricks onto the tower and John Conteh who performed the topping out ceremony just after mid night when the tower was completed.

LEGO companies in different countries are now planning to try and beat our World record. Our Danish colleagues plan to try this year in Copenhagen and rumour has it our Italian colleagues are also planning a record attempt!



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EXCITING
ISSUE

KEEP YOUR EYES
OPEN FOR ANYTHING
UNUSUAL



AFTER A SHORT JOURNEY
DISASTER!!
THE WHEEL BREAKS...
...IS THIS A TRAP?



SUDDENLY... ARMoured MEN RUSH UP TO THE
CART AND TRY TO OPEN THE TREASURE CHEST!



OPEN
SEZA ME!

WHAT HAVE
WE HERE
GET THEM OUT
OF THE CART
NOW!



THE SHERIFF LINES THEM UP
OUTSIDE... THEN SUDDENLY
HE PULLS OUT A SWORD!



WELL... WELL INDIGO
REMEMBER ME??
I'VE BEEN WAITING A
LONG TIME FOR THIS!



THE CAPTAIN
TRIES TO REMEMBER
LONG AGO....

THE CAPTAIN
IS IN DEEP
TROUBLE. WILL
HE REMEMBER
WHO THE SHERIFF
REALLY IS!



INTERNATIONAL LEGO® WORLD CUP



At the end of August we took 3 LEGO builders and their families to Denmark to represent the UK in the LEGO World Cup.

Competition was very fierce, 14 countries had sent along their best LEGO builders to build a model on any subject they chose but all the children had exactly the same bricks to build from to make it fair.

For 5 hours the children worked on their models, the rooms were silent apart from the rattle of LEGO bricks.

Later as part of their prize the children went along to the Dagsb model department stock room and filled their buckets with any bricks they liked. You would be surprised how many LEGO bricks can be packed into a LEGO bucket.

The judges spent all afternoon deliberating on the models before announcing the results, in reverse order of course.

Kevin Brown age 6 from Blackpool took 3rd place in the junior section while Steven Collins age 9 from Oxford and Philip Morris age 11 from Barnsley came 4th in their respective sections.

However, as the announcer said, "Today we have no losers", all the children taking part are national building champions who had won competitions in their own countries before getting to the final in Billund. Kevin, Philip and Steven were chosen to represent the UK after winning a LEGO building contest in the Piggy Press Magazine.

After the competition all the entrants got together for a celebration party in LEGOLAND and spent the rest of the weekend exploring the LEGOLAND Park, a local sea park, and a castle.



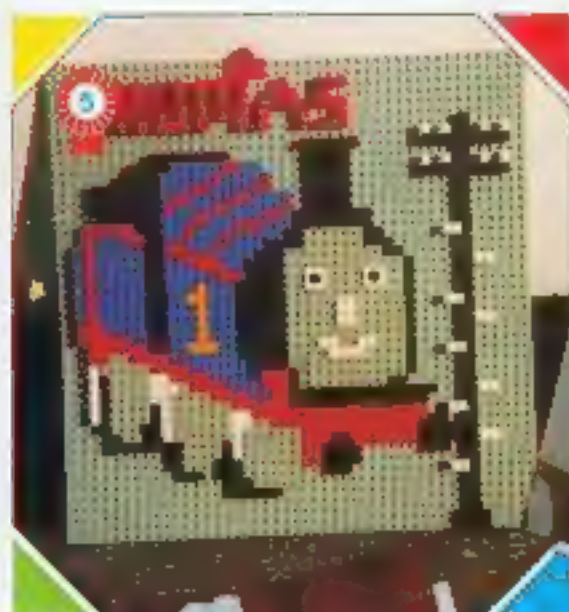
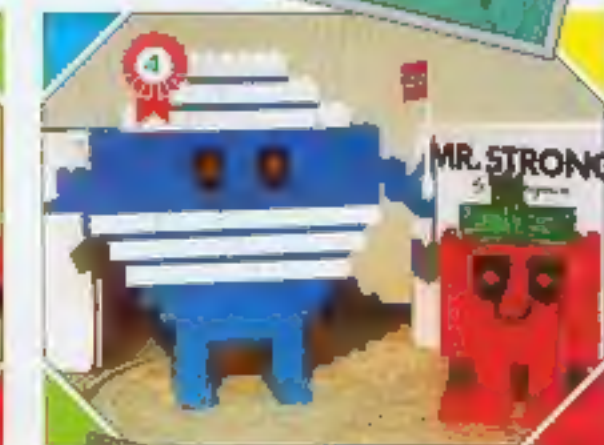
HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Club members planning a trip to the LEGOLAND Park next year may want to contact these companies for a copy of their 1989 LEGOLAND tour brochures. DFDS Ferries who sail to Denmark from Harwich and Newcastle are cutting down the number of sailings next year so it's important to book early. Specialised Tours tell us it's been difficult to get ferry crossings for last minute bookings this year and they expect it to be worse in 1989.

For a copy of their 1989 brochures contact:-

Margaret Scowen (Tel: 0342 712785)
Specialised Tours, Brook House, Brookhill Road,
Cophthorpe, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 3QJ.

(Tel: 01-251 2500)
Scanscape Holidays UK, 197-199 City Road,
London EC1Y 1JN.



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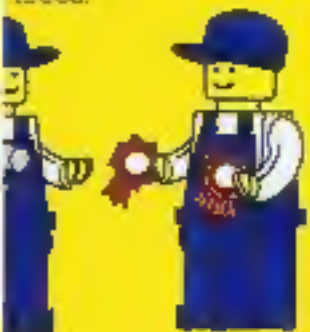
- 1** **JOSEPH REAY** sent in this cable car which holds six LEGO people.
- 2** **DUNCAN SLATER** has lots of squirrels in his garden and this gave him the idea to build one from his LEGO bricks.
- 3** **DAVID LYDOLLS** built this Formula One Racing Car. David is an avid fan of Formula One racing and enjoys watching the Grand Prix on TV.

- 4** **MARTIN EDWARDS** enjoys reading the Mr. Men books so he decided to build a Mr. Men model.
- 5** **SHANE MCCARTHY** built this Thomas The Tank mosaic. He took the idea from a knitting pattern using one square for one brick from the pattern. The mosaic took two days to complete.
- 6** **MATTHEW HUNT** looked through his wildlife books and had the idea of building this Lynx.





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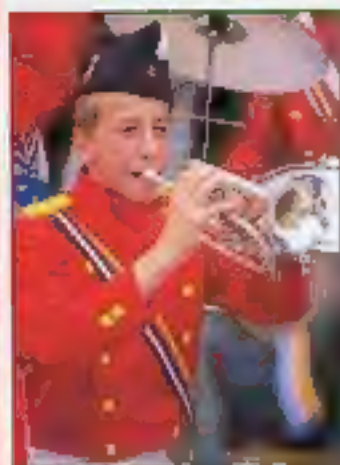
LECTION OF WINNERS

- NEAL HUGHES**
built this Easter rabbit.
- BENJAMIN RAMDHONY**
built this excellent model. It
took one evening to build.
Benjamin says the hardest
part was making the Parrot
balance on the table.
- BENJAMIN SHERWOOD**
sent in this picture of EGRO 1
from the film "Ghost Busters".

- SIMON CRACKNELL**
while watching birds feeding
in the garden, Simon decided
to build a bird table and
feeder. The birds' feet are
made of a hinged brick so
they can bend, and the birds
are built from sloping and
inverted bricks.
- IAN ROGERS**
built this skier after watching
the Winter Olympics.
- ROSEMARY FONTZEN**
had the idea of building this
theatre from her Father who
works in the theatre.

*Well
done!*

MY NAME IS KLAUS...



This is an interview with Klaus Odegaard, who lives in Billund in Denmark. Billund is just a small village in Jutland, but as some readers may know, it is also the home of the LEGOLAND Park. Klaus is almost 14 years of age and is in the 8th grade at school, but Klaus is not an ordinary youngster, he plays in the LEGOLAND marching brass band.

Klaus, what made you start in the LEGOLAND brass band? I saw an advertisement in the local paper and as I had been playing the recorder for quite a while I decided to contact the band leader. First we had to learn how to play some written music, that took about six months, and after passing a test I started to learn how to play the cornet.

But you just said you play the recorder? Yes, I did at first, but then the band leaders discovered that I was much more suited for playing the cornet.

How long did it take you to learn how to play the cornet? It took me about a year, and after that I was allowed to play in the real LEGOLAND Band. And this is now my third year.

Have you had any special experiences with the band? Yes, every year in our school holiday I go with the entire band to some foreign country. So far we have been in West Germany, in Sweden, in Britain, and last year we went to Nice on the southern coast of France. That was a very interesting trip. There are approximately 40 boys and girls in the band and we have lots and lots of fun. Most of my very best friends play in the band with me.

We also went to a tattoo in the southern part of Denmark a month ago. We had been practising a march for months and we were very nervous because we were the only amateur band as well as being a junior band, but it went very well.

Tell me, what do you do in your spare time?

Well, first of all I practise at least one hour daily on the cornet, but I also like to play football. Two afternoons a week I work at a local supermarket to earn some pocket money.

Do you have any sisters and brothers?

I have an older sister of 18, and I have a small black poodle called Mia. Then, of course I have my Mum and Dad - they are both teachers.

Does that mean you'd like to become a teacher yourself?

No! The subjects I like the best in school are mathematics and foreign languages, so I would like to be in a bank or something like that.

Foreign languages, you say. How many do you speak?

As well as Danish, we are taught English and German in school. Next year perhaps I would like to study French as well.

Club members lucky enough to have seen the LEGOLAND Band will know they are a very good junior band. They play regularly in the LEGOLAND Park and do concert tours abroad every year.

CHRISTMAS WORLD SHOW FOR ARNOTTS OF DUBLIN



Club members in Ireland will get a chance to see the very latest World Show later this year.

Called "The World of Ships", this brand new show includes six model scenes about sea rescue, river transport, a shipyard, container ships, drilling rigs and the fishing industry. There are also models of a Danish training ship the "Danmark" and the "Titanic".

The centrepiece of the show is a huge Summer Harbour scene which used nearly 100,000 Basic LEGO bricks and took Danish model builders 32 weeks to complete.

As well as the ships models you will be able to see our new ogre model shown on the back page and Elaine Jones' LEGO model of Dublin City Hall built especially for the Dublin Millennium.

The World Show opens on Friday November 11th and runs until Saturday January 7th 1993. The Show will be open during normal shopping hours and there will be a small charge for admission. Club members can get in free of charge by showing their valid Club membership card at the entrance.



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10am - 5pm Tuesday - Sunday

Entry Free

This exhibition will be touring until 1993. For a full list of venues please send a stamped addressed envelope to Barbara Greenwood, Consumer Service Department, LAGO UK Ltd., Wearham, Clwyd LL13 7TQ.





Gosh, it's been a year now since I became a LEGO bricklayer, but only a couple of days since I finished building the giant.

I had great fun with all the little bits on him: his eyes move, he's got a comb in his back pocket and he's even got tonsils — impressive, eh what?

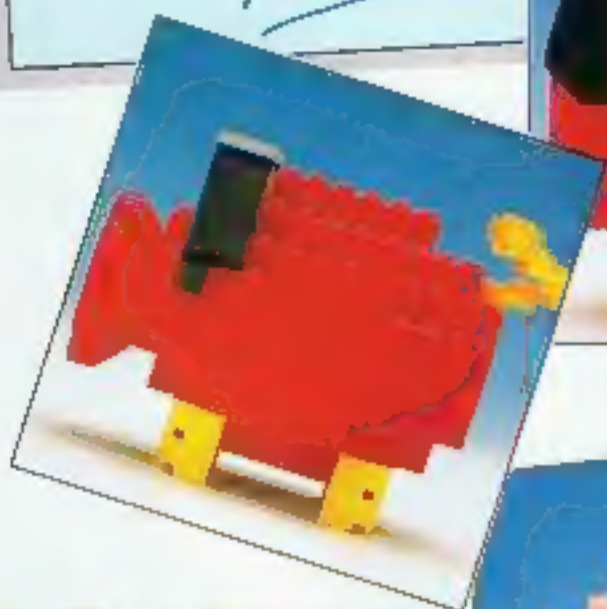
We've had a rush on piggy banks here at LEGO so I thought you might like to see one.

How about making something for yourself where you can stash away your vast sums of money. It doesn't have to be a piggy bank — it could be a cow bank, or a dog bank, or a sandwich bank...

Anyway, keep on bricklaying.

Martin.

Martin



gink! gink!



LEGO
PREVIEW
For Club Members Only

NEW
FOR
JANUARY



14 NEW TOWN SETS

Here's a chance for Club members to get a good look at some of the exciting new Town sets which will be in the shops in January 1989.



1

From the left the new mini Dumper with balloon tyres, a new tipper truck, and a super rescue helicopter with light and sound.



2

A new Holiday Home set with camper and speedboat on its own trailer. The set also includes a small car not shown in the picture.



3

Here you can see five of the new vehicles, a Police Car, Mobile TV Unit, Tow Truck, Off Road Racer, and a new Dragster with adjustable spoiler. The crash barriers are from the big grand prix racing scene set which will also be available in January.

SUMMER HOLIDAY COMPETITION

What wonderful holidays some of you have had. Our judges were very impressed by the standard of work sent in for this competition. It was very enjoyable. Thank you all for entering.

Here is the list of winners:-

9 AND OVER

AIDAN DUNNE, Coventry
GREG CORDON, London NW11
JO DOWMAN, Nailsea
ANNA BIRCH, Isle of Axen
JENNIFER DEMPSEY, Waterford

ADAM SEYMOUR, Selmeaton
CLARE BROOKER, Enniscorthy
ALASTAIR ROSS, Edinburgh
JONATHAN DERMOTT, Norwich
SIMON COLLINS, Orpington, Kent

8 AND UNDER

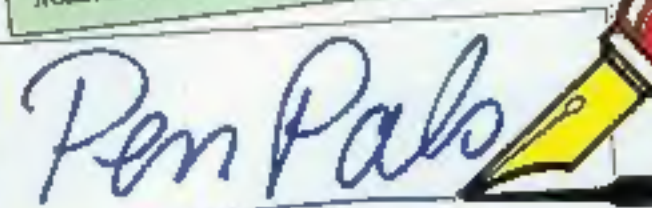
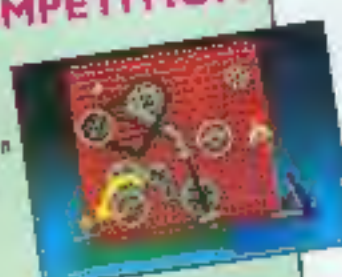
EVE STRANGE, Winkleigh
LINDSAY McClymont, Berwick on Tweed
NICHOLAS WESTACOTT, West Mearns
CAROLINE SMITH, Enfield
ANDREW MOORE, Westinghouse
ANTHONY BEADOCK, London
MATTHEW STEEL, Basingstoke
DANIEL PARRY, Lough
PHILIP FREED, Portsmouth
JAMIE McDONNELL, Little Nigella

POLKA DOT COMPETITION WINNERS

The correct answer to this competition was anti-clockwise. This proved to be more difficult than the usual competitions and so we must say well done to those lucky winners who have been chosen from the correct answer.

WINNERS:
KARL SMYTH, Middlesbrough
SIMON DEY, Barnby Don.

RUNNERS UP:
MARTIN HARRIS, Charnley; **ASHLEY KING**, Church Langton; **COLIN PURSELL**, Eastham; **WILLIAM PARK**, Cove; **PHILIP EVANS**, Redbridge; **RICHARD RECORD**, Chesham; **DAVID CRABTREE**, High Wycombe; **CHRISTOPHER ROUND**, Felling; **IAN FINCHETT**, Cuddesley; **ROBERT JAMES**, Walsall; **PHILIP GUDGEON**, Ripon; **LEE TONES**, Ward End; **EDMON HATCH**, Hayling Island; **IAN COOMES**, Alveley; **RICHARD MARTIN**, Castle Bromwich; **DAVID THOMPSON**, Blythe Bridge; **MARK BARRETT**, Deeping St James; **NOEL NEWETSON**, Atherly.



The LEGO Club received a letter from the Canadian Builders Club asking if UK Club Members would like Canadian pen pals. If you are interested in writing to a Canadian LEGO builder then write to the address below giving them some details about yourself and they will pass on your name and address to a Canadian Club member.

LEGO Pen Pals,
PO Box 844,
Stratford, Ontario,
Canada N5A 6T7.

'ORRIBLE THE OGRE

Well, what do you think of our latest LEGO masterpiece? Isn't he huge? The ogre stands 2.7m (or 8'9") tall and is 1.5m (or 5') wide. Martin took 3 months to complete this model and used around 750,000 LEGO bricks.

The ogre breaks down into 9 pieces so that we can move him around and get him into the LEGO van.

The ogre's first exhibition was in the Great LEGO Show in Blackpool earlier this summer so our model builders decided to build him a huge suitcase.

Elaine built the suitcase in one week, using 4,186 bricks. This doesn't seem like a lot of bricks but if you look carefully at the picture you'll see she has used DUPLO bricks for the main suitcase and LEGO bricks for the decorations.

To complete the display we thought a huge "LEGO Blaster" was just what was needed. It took 2-4 weeks to build the "blaster", which contains over 7,000 LEGO bricks.

Gareth has made clever use of different LEGO elements to get the detail on the "blaster" just right.



COMPETITION TIME

Can you guess the name we gave to our 'orrrible ogre while he was being built? Send us your guess on a postcard to:

**LEGO Club
Ogre Competition
Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 7TO**

Don't forget to tell us your name and address and make sure your entry arrives before 9th December 1988.

We will reserve 20 new Grand Prix Racing Sets for the first 20 correct answers pulled from the post bag on 9th December.

The Grand Prix racing Set is one of the new town sets to be launched in January 1989, which are worth around £46 each.